National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) gives due consideration to suggestions on road safety received from various forums and organizations, including Road Safety Forum.

(b) With a view^ to involve the varous organizations related to Road Sector, an advisory group of external stakeholders comprising representatives from the State Governments, Industry and Transport Sector, Non-Government Organisations active in Road Safety, etc., has been constituted in NHAI. Meetings of this group are held under the chairmanship of Chairman, NHAI, at regular intervals to consider various aspects of highway construction including road safety.

(c) NHAI had interacted with the Forum and they proposed to hold a seminar in this regard. The Forum has not responded further.

(d) and (e) The opinions of various Stakeholders are reflected in the Advisory Group formed by NHAI.

Problems due to expansion of roads

1770. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the duty of the Director General of Roads to find engineering solutions to various problems being faced by the public due to expansion or development of new roads and highways;

(b) if so, how many requests are pending with the Director General of Roads for finding engineering solutions of NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to study such problems;

(d) to what extent the Director General of Roads Development is not able to find adequate technical expertise for even relatively simple problems posed by the public; and

(e) whether Government would consider engaging expert staff to tackle such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS {MAJ. GEN. (RETD) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The office of Director General (Road Development) and Special Secretary is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. It also provides technical advice on matters relating to the development of other roads, wherever required.

(b) and (c) Some suggestions were received from an organisation for enhancement of road safety on a stretch of NH-5 In Andhra Pradesh.

Since National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing the improvement of this NH in Andhra Pradesh, they interacted with the requesting organisation. The organisation proposed to hold a seminar In this regard. The organisation has not reponded further.

(d) and (e) The technical problems are examined in consultation with the implementing agencies and most appropriate solutions are evolved, within available resources. Wherever considered necessary, consultants/experts are engaged.

Deploying CISF at National Highways

1771 .SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to deploy CISF at National Highways to prevent various crimes;

(b) if so, whether the National Highways in the country have been found to be prone to various crimes in the past few years and the concerned State Governments have failed to discharge their duties/ responsibilities effectively; and

(c) if so, by when necessary provisions in the law would be made to enable CISF to discharge the highways patrol functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a)There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Law and order is a State subject.

(c) Does not arise.

Investment by private sector for development of roads

1772. DR. ABRAR AHMED
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHTWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and foreign private sector companies have shown interest for investment in development of National Highways;

(b) if so, the number of works awarded to such firms during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what facilities and incentives are being given for private sector